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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasufumi YAHIRO et al.

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

CASE: 200380-9011

Examiner: Hien D. Vu

SERIAL NO.: 10/017,633

AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED
AUGUST 30, 2002.

FILED ON: December 7, 2002

FOR: Connector for Plate Object with Terminals

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Dear Sirs:

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Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2002 for one (1) month(s) from September 30, 2002 to October 30, 2002. Submitted herewith is check No. 19066 for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. If a check is lost, or otherwise does not accompany this Petition, please charge my deposit account number 50-1965 in the appropriate amount to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

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Responsive to an Office Action (Paper No. 3) mailed August 30, 2002, applicants elect to prosecute species 2 (Figs. 3, 4, 6 and 8) with traverse. It is thought that claims 1-10 clearly read on species 2.

All of the claims 2-12 depend on claim 1 which is, therefore, generic to all claims. It is thought that claim 1 and, therefore, all claims will be allowed.

In order to help the Examiner better understand the invention, attached is a copy of the claims with reference numbers written on them. Further, Fig. 3 is amended to add reference numerals which may help with a better understanding of the invention.

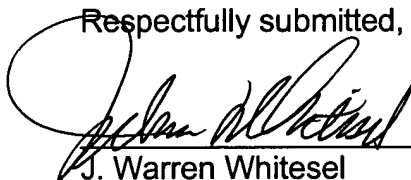
For the foregoing reasons, the election/restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Action on the merits is requested.

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